

Council Members

District 1: Terry Graham
District 2: Charlene McGriff
District 3: Billy Mosteller, Secretary
District 4: Jose Luis
District 5: Steve Harper, Chair
District 6: "Vacant"
District 7: Brian Carnes, Vice Chair



County Administrator
Dennis E. Marstall

County Attorney
Ginny L. Merck-Dupont

Clerk to Council
Sherrie Simpson

**September 11, 2024
4:00 PM**

**LANCASTER COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING, 101 NORTH MAIN STREET, LANCASTER, SC 29720**

MINUTES

Council Members Present: Brian Carnes, Terry Graham, Jose Luis, and Charlene McGriff

Council Members Absent: Steve Harper and District 6 Seat Vacant

Staff Members/Others Present: Dennis Marstall, County Administrator; Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council; Stephany Snowden, Deputy County Administrator; Sabrena Harris, Chief Financial Officer; Jamie Privuznak, Budget Director; Carrie Helms, Treasurer; Brenda Thompson, Public Information Officer and Director of Communications and Marketing; Allison Hardin, Development Services Director; Chris Clouden, Parks and Recreation Director; the press; various elected officials; various Department Heads; various employees; and citizens.

A quorum of Lancaster County Council was present for the meeting. The following press were notified of the meeting by e-mail in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act: *The Lancaster News*, *Kershaw News Era*, *The Rock Hill Herald*, Cable News 2, Channel 9 and the local government channel. The agenda was posted in the lobby of the County Administration Building and also on the County website the required length of time.

Call to Order - Chairman Steve Harper

In the absence of Chairman Steve Harper, Vice Chairman Brian Carnes called the Lancaster County Council Committee of the Whole meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Welcome and Recognition - Chairman Steve Harper

In the absence of Chairman Steve Harper, Vice Chairman Carnes welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation - Council Member Jose Luis

Jose Luis led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and delivered the Invocation.

Approval of the Agenda

Terry Graham moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. The motion

Passed by a vote of 4-0.

Citizens Comments

The following citizens signed up for and spoke during the Citizen Comments: None.

The following citizens submitted electronic, written comments for Citizen Comments: None.

Discussion and Action Items

a. Strategic Plan Quarterly Update - Stephany Snowden

Stephany Snowden reviewed the Strategic Plan quarterly update via the County's PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Snowden highlighted a few of the employee engagement strategies for the County which included the Employee of the Quarter and Year awards, the National Association of Counties (NaCO) awards, media releases, and organizational and investment training days for County employees. Council and staff discussed when the County would release educational information regarding the proposed Transportation Sales Tax to the County's website, and Ms. Snowden ensured that it would be released as soon as the materials were reviewed and approved by the South Carolina Ethics Commission.

b. Review of Investment Policies - Sabrena Harris / Carrie Helms

Sabrena Harris reviewed the County's current investment policy via the County's PowerPoint presentation and outlined the proposed investment policy, the objectives, procedures, and the benefits that Council could expect to see from the new proposed policy. Charlene McGriff questioned when the County began using First Citizens Bank over Wells Fargo, and Carrie Helms explained the County had used First Citizens Bank for many years now. Council and staff discussed the internal review process and Jose Luis requested that staff provide monthly or quarterly reports to Council.

c. Regional Park Update - Stephany Snowden

Trevor Horst with Woolpert reviewed the Regional Park's updated design via a virtual tour. The virtual tour was comprised of the same components included in the County PowerPoint presentation. Next, Stephany Snowden reviewed the costs of the park via the County's PowerPoint presentation. Council expressed their concerns regarding the topographical issues, the cost of the site work, and overall, where the project stands financially. Dennis Marstall explained that the site work cost that Council reviewed included the cost of over one thousand parking spaces at the park, so the cost could potentially be reduced dependent on the parking space requirements for the project. Council requested a cost breakdown of each of the different facilities within the park, and then they would decide from there what aspects of the project to cut in order to stay in line with the budget. Council also requested a copy of the soil report that was done on the site before it was purchased, as well as the soil report that was done at the time of the design of the park.

d. Review of Chapter 6 (Infrastructure) for the Re-write of the Unified Development Ordinance - Allison Hardin

Allison Hardin reviewed Chapter 6 of the rewrite of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) via the County's PowerPoint presentation.

During this presentation, Charlene McGriff left the Committee of the Whole meeting at

approximately 5:25 p.m. Even though there was no longer a physical quorum for the meeting, staff and Council continued with the presentation as no votes would be taken during the meeting.

Terry Graham requested that this agenda item be brought back to another meeting, so that Council could discuss their thoughts on what was reviewed, and also requested that it not be placed as the last item on the agenda. Council expressed their interest in removing Section 6.13.7 from Chapter 6 of the rewrite of the UDO. Ms. Hardin explained that the Planning Commission received copies of the amendments during their workshop meetings, and staff was planning on scheduling joint meetings between the Planning Commission and County Council to review the final UDO.

Adjournment

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at approximately 5:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lauren Hill

Lauren Hill
Deputy Clerk to Council

Approved by Council on October 14, 2024

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "B Mosteller", is written over a horizontal line.

Billy Mosteller, Secretary